

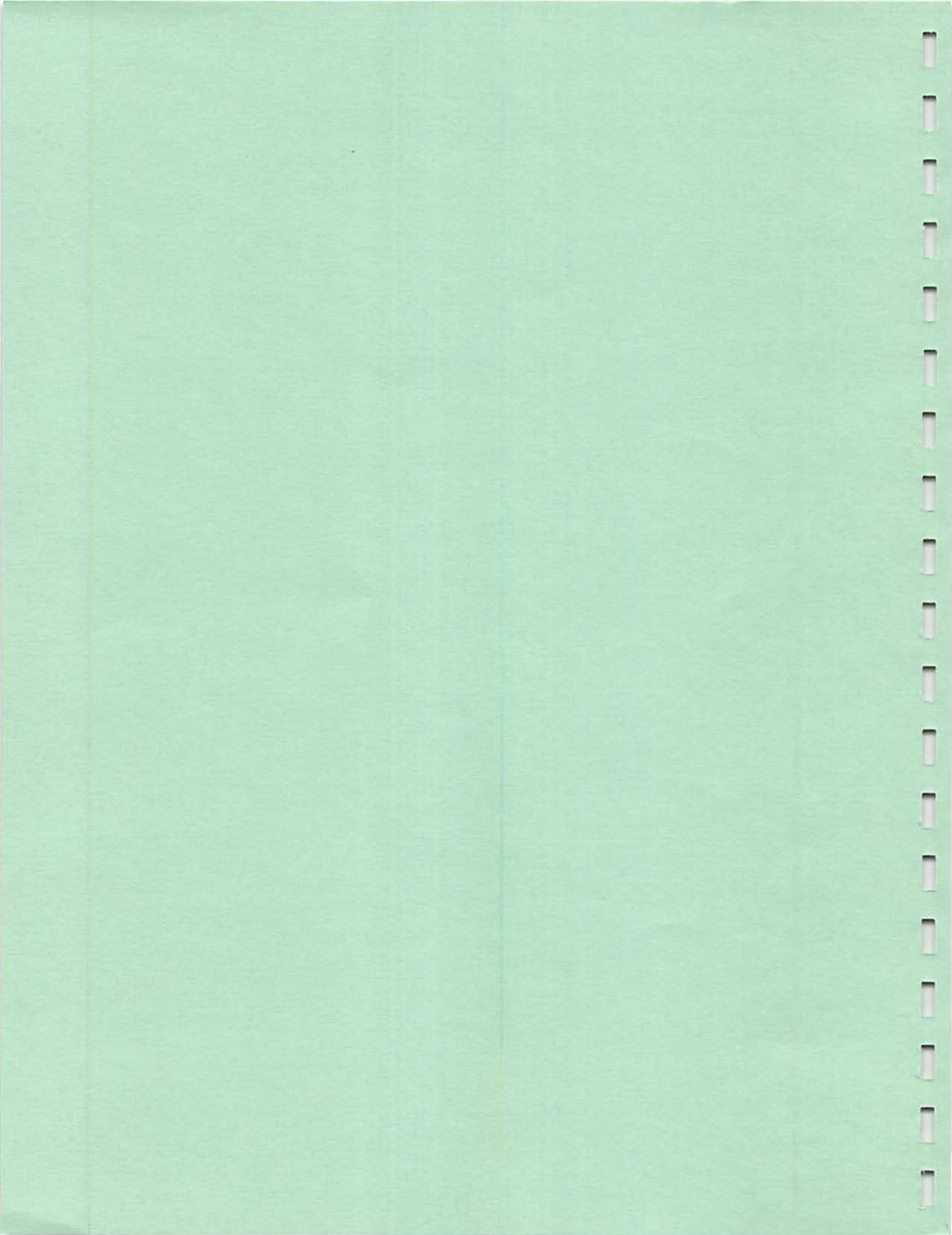
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***A special thanks is extended to John Edquist, Sr.  
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A warm welcome is extended to members and guests of  
***The M & M Radio Club***  
as we celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

***CURRENT CLUB OFFICERS***

**1999 - 2000**

**Jim Callow K8IR President**

**Ed Engleman KG8CX Vice President**

**Gary Luthardt KG9AD Secretary**

**Lynne Rynish N8OSK Treasurer**

## ***THE M & M RADIO CLUB OFFICERS***

In October of 1947, temporary officers were elected to guide the club prior to obtaining their American Radio Relay League charter. Elected were:

President: Harry Frederick W8QGQ  
 Vice President: Harry White W9CNV  
 Secretary-Treasurer: Frank Wedge W8KKE

Officers for 1948-49 were:

President: Harry Frederick  
 Vice President: Harry White  
 Secretary-Treasurer: Robert Landre

American Radio Relay League Charter Number 2234 was issued to the club on December 28, 1949.

YEAR	PRESIDENT	VICE-PRESIDENT	SECRETARY-TREASURER
1949-50	Cal Heisinger	Ed Kehoe	Kenneth Emmons
1950-51	Cal Heisinger	Ed Kehoe	Kenneth Emmons
1951-52			
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1957-58			Rev. William Schick
1958-59	Eugene Paulsen	Rev. William Schick	Bill Munding
1959-60	Ken Emmons	Robert Landre	Doug Wheelock
1960-61			Eugene Paulsen
1961-62	Kurt Berge	Eugene Paulsen	Ernie Kaasha
1962-63	Kurt Berge		Ernie Kaasha
1963-64	Ernie Kaasha	Dave Hoffman	John Edquist
	(President and Vice President resigned on 10-17-63, elected to replace them were Robert Landre, President and Ken Emmons, Vice President)		
1963-64	Robert Landre	Ken Emmons	John Edquist
1964-65	Robert Landre	Ken Emmons	John Edquist
1965-66			
1966-67			
1967-68	Kurt Berge	Ron Zurawski	Dr. Paul Brennan
1969-70	Dr. Paul Brennan	Eugene Pittman	Eugene Paulsen
1970-71	Eugene Pittman	Eugene Paulsen	Harold Ruff
1971-72	Eugene Pittman	Eugene Paulsen	Harold Ruff
1972-73	Tom Zeratsky	Pat Marineau	Kurt Berge
1973-74	Kurt Berge	Dr. Paul Brennan	Bob Quick
1974-75	Dr. Paul Brennan	Marc Kronauer	John Stewart

1975-76	Marc Kronauer	John Stewart	Ken Emmons
1977-78	Ken Emmons	Phil Alman	Brian Johnson
1978-79	Harry White	Bob Johnson	Tom Horvath
1979-80	Bob Johnson	Tom Horvath	John Frievalt
1980-81	John Frievalt	Rev. Harry Trodahl	Al Knuth
1981-82	Tom Zeratsky	Howard Sorensen	Eugene Paulsen
1982-83	Eugene Paulsen	Howard Sorensen	Earl Gustafson
1983-84	Earl Gustafson	Dottie Staffeldt	Dan Nyman
1984-85	Dan Nyman	Earl Gustafson	Bob Johnson
1985-86	Earl Gustafson	Dan Nyman	Richard Ebert
1986-87	Doris Kilanski		Dan Nyman
1987-88	Ron Sobay	Eugene Paulsen	Dan Nyman
1988-89	Jerry Marowsky	Lynne Rynish	Dan Nyman
1989-90	Jerry Marowsky	Lynne Rynish	Dan Nyman
(Jerry moved from the area 3 months into his term, Lynne moved up to President)			
1989-1990	Lynne Rynish	Tom Rynish	Dan Nyman
1990-91	Lynne Rynish	Tom Rynish	Dan Nyman
1991-92	Lynne Rynish	Ed Engleman	Dan Nyman

Due to the increase in membership, and to make duties lighter, the club voted to split the duties of secretary-treasurer into the separate offices of secretary and treasurer.

	PRESIDENT	VICE-PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER
1992-93	Lynne Rynish	Ed Engleman	Darrell Lancour	Dan Nyman
1993-94	Lynne Rynish	Ed Engleman	Linda Hellem	Dottie Staffeldt
1994-95	Ed Engleman	Scott Francois	Jeff Rymer	Dottie Staffeldt
1995-96	Jim Mans	Ed Engleman	Gary Luthardt	Connie Fletcher
1996-97	Jim Mans	Ed Engleman	Gary Luthardt	Bob Schrader
1997-98	Jim Mans	Ed Engleman	Jim Callow	Lynne Rynish
1998-99	Jim Callow	Ed Engleman	Nathan Luthardt	Lynne Rynish
1999-00	Jim Callow	Ed Engleman	Gary Luthardt	Lynne Rynish



## ***IN THE BEGINNING...***

*Catching messages out of the air*

**From the Menominee Herald Leader  
Saturday Evening February 28, 1920**

### **RADIO ASS'N FORMED HERE LAST NIGHT**

**Eighteen Young Men Organize "Menominee Radio Association;" to Join American Radio Relay League.**

The Menominee Radio Association was organized last night at a meeting held in the D.A.R. Boy's hall on State Street. Eighteen young amateur wireless operators and enthusiasts were present, two thirds of whom own and operate wireless sets in this city. It was decided at the meeting to make application for membership in the American Radio Relay League, which maintains a free service to recognized amateur stations throughout the country. Messages on importance to the nation are sent to these stations, which in turn make an effort to transmit to the public, in some way.

#### **To Have Club Station**

The new local association practically decided last night to establish a club station, and to post watches, the experienced operators to be designated as "seniors" and the beginners to be known as "juniors". These details will stand watch every night at the club station to catch messages out of the air.

The following officers were elected at last night's meeting:

President, Stanley Brown  
Vice-President, George Peterson  
Secretary and Treasurer, Miles Stireman

*Thanks to Janet Callow who uncovered this report at the Menominee County Historical Museum Research Center.*

## THE EARLY YEARS

### *A vision for the future*

Newspaper accounts show amateur radio enthusiasts were active in the Marinette, Wisconsin and Menominee, Michigan area in early 1938. On February 14, 1938, the Marinette newspaper listed local "hams" from a public notice from the Federal Communications Commission, dated January 3, 1938. As quoted from the article:

*"Six Marinette radio stations which never broadcast entertainment or advertising, which operate on irregular schedules and transmit messages without charge, are part of the country's 'last bulwark of comminations.'*

*All are privately owned stations, operated by amateurs, who pound their keys for the fun of it, who are prohibited by regulations of the Federal Communications Commission from making any money out of their hobby, but they are proud to belong to the nationwide brotherhood of radio "hams" more than 20,000 strong, whose yeoman service in times of national and local disaster has earned them national respect and admiration, and even a place in the national defense plans of the war department's general staff.*

*This list of licensed amateur radio stations in Marinette, with the owners and operators, as of January 31 (1938) of this year, was made public today by the Federal Communications Commission. Here it is:*

Thomas Olaf Sturdy	1513 Seventh Street	W9RCD
Harry E. White	2529 Hall Avenue	W9CNV
Harry V. Frederick	309 Main Street	W9QGO
Edward J. Kehoe	1431 Sherman Street	W9KPK
Frank George Rasmussen	636 Terrace Avenue	W9POV
Marcus Cornelius Kronauer	2520 White Street	W9ECK"

Later newspaper accounts invite persons interested in amateur radio, to attend meetings at the Marinette American Legion building. Temporary officers were elected, and as we know **"the rest is history"**.

In October of 1947 the number of licensed amateur radio operators had increased to 30 within the twin cities. An invitation was extended to war veterans with military radio service, to attend the meetings of the amateur operators.

By 1948 the club was promoting amateur shortwave communications and experimentation for the advancement of radio and the public welfare. Meetings were held at the Marinette American Legion Post in the summer, and during the winter meetings were held at the Sea Scout building at the Marinette Yacht basin. Another popular site for meetings was Popkey's Radio Shp on Main Street in Marinette. At times, amateurs also met in local members homes.

October of 1948 had local amateurs scheduling and conducting classes in radio theory and code for anyone in the area interested in obtaining an amateur radio license. Code classes were conducted under the direction of Cal Heisinger, while Edward Kehoe lectured on theory.

In January of 1949 the club formed an emergency unit naming Harry Frederick first emergency coordinator. His duties included establishment of common operating procedures and to arrange drill periods when personal stations of the local hams were mobilized under simulated emergency conditions. He was the liaison with the Red Cross and other relief agencies as suggested in the working

understanding of the ARRL emergency corps. He was also instructed to establish a relationship with local fire and police departments. This group was known as the M & M Emergency Corps of the American Radio Relay League. An exercise was held in October of 1949 with a number of stations located throughout Menominee and Marinette for "local and high-powered long-range stations" making contact with distant points. These early exercises included both base and mobile stations.

Reno W. Goetsch, W9RQM, sent a letter acknowledging affiliation of The M & M Radio Club with the American Radio Relay League. Mr. Goetsch was Section Communications Manager for the State of Wisconsin at the time of club affiliation. A newspaper photo depicting Cal Heisinger, President of the club, accepting the club's new charter from F. R. Eggers of Manitowoc, Wisconsin. Mr. Eggers was the assistant director of the ARRL's central division. Other officers present were Ed Kehoe, Vice-President and Kenneth Emmons Secretary-Treasurer. The presentation was made at the club banquet on January 5, 1950 at the Silver Dome in Marinette.

Club newsletters from the 1940 era included information regarding amateur radio classes, testing sessions, emergency communication exercises, auctions of radio equipment, license restructuring and numerous social events, including banquets and family picnics. Lunch was often served after the meetings.

Also during the formative years, and continuing throughout the history of "The M & M Radio Club" are numerous mentions of activities both on the air and eye ball contacts with the ham radio operators of Door County, Wisconsin. The two clubs were chartered within about of a week of each other. The friendship and contacts with these outstanding operators continues as we start a new millennium.

### ***NEWSPAPER NOTES FROM THE 50's***

Included in club memorabilia was a newspaper account of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Witt who had visited relatives in Milwaukee, returning to Menominee in a blizzard. Obviously no telephone communications were available to them, and Harland Wright, brother-in-law of Harold Witt, contacted an amateur radio operator in Milwaukee, who in turn contacted a ham in Menominee to learn of the fate of Mr. and Mrs. Witt. Upon learning Mr. and Mrs. Witt had arrived home safely, the Wright family was able to put their fears to rest.

Another article from Chicago touted the plight of a housewife who, during freezing weather, had stepped out onto her front porch, a gust of wind blew the door shut and she was locked out of her home. Her father-in-law, earphones clamped to his head, was unable to hear frantic pounding on the door or the ringing of the telephone as she attempted to reach him from a neighbor's telephone. In desperation she contacted a local amateur radio operator, who made contact with another ham about 8,000 miles from this situation. The distant operator in turn made contact with the housewife's father-in-law via DX. Needless to say the gentleman was startled to hear the message of his contact stating, "I say, Ed, old man, Mrs. -----, is locked out and freezing to death. Let her in." (Names were omitted to protect the embarrassed)

### ***THE 1950's***

April of 1950 showed 75 state hams involved in a nightly net at 6:00 p.m. Many wives said they were unable to recognize their husband without earphones on his head and a microphone in his hand. A newspaper account of these nets states the "*the nightly roll call in this state are operated by men who have little in common except their interest in short wave communication. They include a policeman, an interior decorator, a doctor, several electricians, a mailman, lawyers and an airport manager.*"

George Gabor W9JM of Sturgeon Bay, and a member of the local radio club, received "*a fancy certificate*" for being the radio ham to work all 48 states from a mobile transmitter. In an interview, he stated he was surprised to learn he was the first to achieve this honor. To hams, earning W.A.S. carries more prestige than a Ph. D. He was surprised to learn there were more than 25,000 mobile sets in the country and he earned his W.A.S. certificate in only two years. All of his contacts were made from within a 25 mile radius.

Emphasis during these years were Civil Defense exercises and tests. Local hams used base stations and mobile units to transmit messages between Oconto and Marinette County Red Cross units in Wisconsin as well as in Menominee County, Michigan. In other exercises, communications were conducted by contacting the Badger emergency network, which in turn transmitted to an amateur station in Evanston, Illinois. These communications were relayed to the National Red Cross headquarters in Washington, D.C. via teletype.

July of 1956 saw more than 70 radio amateurs, including their families gather for the eighth annual radio club picnic at John Henes Park. A total exceeding 200 people enjoyed the day with games and awards. At that time, it was reported this was the largest gathering for the radio club picnic. It is doubtful, that this has been broken through the years.

Throughout the early history of the club, social activities dotted the calendar of events. One of the most popular and memorable part of any family picnic, was ice cream from the Ideal Dairy of Menominee. This was because Eugene "Smokey" Paulsen and his wife Marie, had a very special connection with the Ideal Dairy. This tradition continued until the Ideal Dairy closed. When the dairy closed, ice cream was rarely mentioned as a mainstay of the picnic menu.

In April of 1950, the local radio club wrote to the State of Wisconsin endorsing the idea of licensed amateur radio operators to have their call signs on vehicle license plates. One of the first and most notable was the call sign "K8CQW". From a distance, this plate *ALMOST* looked like "K 8 COW". How befitting one of the relatives of the Ideal Dairy owners! For anyone who is unaware of who the proud owner of this call sign - it was "*Smokey Paulsen*".

As early as 1956 local enthusiasts promoted amateur radio by working with local Boy Scouts. In the 1950's, operation included field equipment, portable generators and overnight camping. Scouts were trained to set up equipment, operate equipment as training for emergency tests and spend 24 hours contacting hams throughout the United States, Canada and the Panama Canal Zone.

All accounts regarding preparations by local amateurs, showed they were well prepared should any emergency arise.

### *THE 1960's*

Local amateurs continued to make headlines in the local newspapers as they continued field day activities, working with Boy Scouts, holding amateur radio classes and in one instance, inviting a traveler with a mobile rig to make an unscheduled stop for a short visit with Harry Frederick and his XYL in Menominee.

On December 23, 1964, local amateur operators Ken Emmons W9FWD, Howard Sorensen W8ZPU and Harry Frederick W8QGQ were presented 5-cent postal stamps honoring amateur radio operators for work in the Alaskan earthquake of early 1964, by Postmaster August W. Delgoffe. This was also the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American Radio Relay League.



August of 1964 showed discontent among amateurs because of new rules being proposed by the FCC. The new rules were to reserve 16 channels for use by a single licensee talking to his own units, such as a farmer's wife communicating with her husband in the field, or a store giving directions to its delivery trucks. More than 2,500 comments and suggestions on the future of these radio bands were received by the FCC. Amateurs wanted to protect their expenditures for equipment, and to preserve their radio bands.

Field day, a family picnic, charter night, radio classes and publicity in the local news media continued through the decade. The public was always invited to attend activities of the club and to enroll in classes.

### ***THE 1970'S***

Invitations to the annual field day activities, family picnics and charter night continued to dominate the newspaper accounts and memorabilia of the club. As an added attraction for hams in this decade, the family picnic included a swap table for the hams.

During this decade, the most popular spots for the picnics continued to be John Henes Park and the favorite site for the annual Charter Night Banquet was the Elks Club on First Street in Menominee.

In February of 1970 the club celebrated the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the charter with a dinner on February 14<sup>th</sup> at the Silver Dome. Herman Greve, W9EWC of Hillbert presented color slides of his trip to South Africa. While in South Africa he visited with his amateur radio friend, with whom he kept a regular schedule for numerous years. The cost of the "Chicken Dinner Family Style" was \$3.25. This price included the tax and tip.

On February 27, 1971 the club celebrated Charter Night at the Dome Supper Club. Menu for this evening was a Smorgasbord style dinner for \$3.50 per person, tax and tip included.

In June of 1972 the club held Field Day activities at the Tom Zeratsky farm on Highway 577 in Menominee. Operated commenced at 1:00 p.m. and an invitation for the public to attend the event was issued via the local news media.

September 1, 1970 marked the annual family picnic at Henes Park. Pictures in the historians scrapbook depicted hams along the shore of Green Bay. Those identified were Paul Brennan, Ken Emmons, Harvey Jorgensen, Ron Zurawski, Lloyd Rondeau, Ted Zurawski, Connie Sinjeck, Kurt Gerge and Harold Ruff.

The Charter Night activities for February 2, 1974 included a chicken and Swedish meatball dinner for \$4.00 per person and a special treat of Art Lofstrom W8ZKT, known as "The Bird Man" from Iron Mountain, Michigan as the program for the evening. There was no explanation given as to why this individual was known as "The Bird Man", now what type of program he would present. Perhaps this was an attempt to lure the curious out for the evening.

November of 1977 showed the local club receiving the American Radio Relay League Public Information Office presenting the club a "National Certificate of Merit" in recognition of outstanding achievements in serving the public interest of the community.

## *THE 1980's*

The club newsletter is now known as the "Radio Amateur Gazette" or "RAG" in the abbreviated form. Editor at this time was Ken Emmons, W9FWD. Dues were still \$3.00 per year in 1981.

The newsletter tells us that Mark Kronauer W8ECK had gone deer hunting and is back. To quote the newsletter, "that's all he got was back". However, his son Mark II arrived home with a spike horn he had bagged on opening day. The family obviously had some tender venison to enjoy.

Club member WD8OSE was appointed as the radio clubs' Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Menominee County in June of 1981. Members were reminded to check in on the Tri-County Emergency Net which was held each Tuesday evening at 9:00 p.m.

In September of 1981 Dottie Staffeldt traveled to Stevens Point to attend a conference of Emergency Coordinators for the State of Wisconsin for an information packed day. She later prepared a report to present to the club.

October of 1981 saw several local hams traveling. Harold and Evie Ruff took a trip to Canada and returned home with plenty of fish and blueberries. Harold had taken many pictures and was planning to show them at an upcoming meeting. Another club member had toured both upper and lower Michigan and another couple had traveled to Chicago.

Early in this decade, the club boasted of having four members of the Cloth as members. They were Rev. Johnson, Rev. Trodahl, Rev. Alger and Rev. Larkin.

Stories of Clayton and Leona Cardy and their fishing adventures on the Lake Michigan side of the Sturgeon Bay Canal were reported in the newsletter as well as on the local nets. By October of 1981 Clayton reported he and Leona had caught up to 1000 pounds of fish during the season. For several years, the Cardy's supplied the fish for the famous annual Door County Fish Boils. How fortunate for all who attended these feasts!

Another note was made of Clayton Cardy making regular contacts with his granddaughter while she was in the youth exchange program in the Philippines.

Check ins for a Sunday night net in December 1981 were Diane KA9FQW, John AB9F, George W9JM, Harry WB8YWQ from Daggett, Michigan, Fred W9AXQ from Stevens Point, Harold W9ZFU, Dottie WB9NCT and Chat W9IKJ.

The Door County RACES Net met every Monday night at 7:00 p.m. with Leon K9AAQ acting as net control. Many amateurs from The M & M Radio Club participated in these nets.

The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Charter Night was held at the Holiday Inn in Marinette. The invitation promised a surprise program and an evening of good fellowship. Menu for the event was chicken and beef tips. Earl Gustafson was in charge of handling arrangements for the evening. Members paid \$7.25 per person for their dinner.

For the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Charter Night, the members were treated to a steak dinner (a pleasant change of menu) at the Menominee Elks Club. Dan Nyman was in charge of the festivities. A program was presented by Rev. Merlin Goehring on his experiences working as a missionary in Brazil.

Field Day also dominated club activities. Plans for a site and arrangements for radios and antennas generally were made at the May meeting and finalized at the June meeting.

No mention was made of the club holding classes again until the late 1980's. "Doc" William Fleugge and Dr. Doris Kilanski, who were both active with the Civil Air Patrol, volunteered to teach an amateur radio class to members of the C.A.P. and to anyone interested in learning more about the hobby. A few members of the C.A.P. signed up, and about a half dozen people from the general public. This sparked enough interest to get the club moving forward once again.

As usual, the accounts included the annual family picnic, Charter Night Banquet, a few Christmas parties and reports of club nets and meetings. At some point during the 1980's, the club changed their meeting night from the first Thursday of the month to the second Thursday of the month. There is nothing indicating exactly when this occurred.

### *The 1990's*

Once again the club branched out into new areas, keeping pace with changing times. In addition to communications where the local club had not participated in the past, new avenues were pursued in both community service and the social atmosphere.

The National Canoe Races moved to the Marinette-Menominee area for two consecutive years. The club received an invitation from race organizers to provide communications for the event. In addition to meetings with the race committee, the club met regularly to plan for equipment, vehicles, location sites, back up plans and possible obstacles which might hamper an efficient operation. The races involved two solid days of competition.

For the first year, Dan Nyman served as net control for the communications. Dan was set up in a tent along the Menominee River. Several club members were positioned in canoes on the river, along the shore of the river and "Doc" Fleugge was flying along the path of the river, reporting the progress of the canoeists. Any of the radio operators encountering problems, whether they be an overturned canoe or the first canoe at the turn around point was relayed to Dan and in turn directly to the race committee for announcement to group assembled at the finish line.

Obviously the club performed well as they were invited back the following year to provide the communications for the races. Dan Nyman again served as net control. For the second year of races, the race committee had two pontoons for the amateur radio operators to utilize for more accurate accounting of the racers. One pontoon had Ed Kilanski and Tom Rynish at the southern turn around reporting each team as they turned. At one point, the racers were so close, it was difficult to determine which team had made the turn first. The second pontoon had Doris Kilanski and Lynne Rynish cruising the river to report on progress as well as mishaps. Fortunately, the overturned canoes were few, and the injuries to participants were minor.

After the canoeist discovered our beautiful area, the tri-athletes discovered the Peshtigo area. Once again the local club was requested to provide communications. In addition to people on pontoons, and canoes on the river, members were positioned along the shore, along the road ways and at the start and finish lines of the events.

Word spread within the area of the excellent communication skills of the local club and the Menominee River Century Bicycle Tour organizers approached the club to handle communications for

their one day event held annually on the last week end in June. Once again the club obliged, and it was a wonderful union for four years. However, because this event was on the annual world wide amateur radio operators field day, the bicycle tour put a major strain on the resources of the club. Members were torn between field day and the bicycle tour. The club approached the bicycle group to change the week end they held their activities to accommodate the club, as we could not change a world wide event. Unfortunately, club participation with the bicycle group came to an end.

The annual Charter Night Banquet in 1991 was held at The Dome in Marinette. Paul Drees made arrangements for the banquet. Charter members of the club in attendance were Harry White and Howard Sorensen. Club Vice President, Tom Rynish presented a brief history of the organization and introduced former club officers attending the function. John Edquist, Sr. had the club scrapbooks on display during the evening.

Field day sites during this decade included Higley Field at Marinette High School. Tom Hellem showed his agility by climbing the light towers at the field to install antennas and support guys. We have pictures to prove this!

Other sites for field day included the Emergency Office Center for Menominee County, the M & M Yacht Club at the Menominee Marina, Noel Beardsley's home QTH and Tom Hellem's QTH, to mention only a few.

The club sponsored special event stations to commemorate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Peshtigo Fire, the anniversary of the annual 100 Mile Yacht Club Races, and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club.

Family camp out/corn roasts, swap fests, Saturday morning breakfast, Friday night fish fry, trips to the Dayton Hamvention, trips to hamfests in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, Wisconsin and Illinois have dominated the club history during the 1990's.

The camp out/corn roast event saw many families and their pets take advantage of the week end to spend time on the air, socializing around a camp fire, sharing pot luck meals, swap fest and just relaxing with fellow hams and friends. Those cool evenings kept everyone huddled around the camp fire swapping stores and jokes.

This era saw expansion of the club via the branch known as Bay Area Wireless Association (BAWA). Members of this group must first be a member of The M & M Radio Club, and afford an outlet for those DX enthusiasts within our group who enjoy competition both on their key and on phone. Members share stories of their contacts and compete for their prized awards for their efforts in the form of QSL cards and certificates. Several members of this group have gone on Dxpeditions to remote as well as exotic spots in an effort to compete for those coveted awards and obtain contacts many of us only dream to achieve.



## ***THE FUTURE***

***As the club begins the new millennium, we look forward to:***

continued community service

preparing for emergencies, with the hope we do not have any emergencies to test our skills

understanding employers who allow us to participate in emergency exercises

growth in the number of amateur operators in our community and throughout the world

dedicated instructors and VE's for those wishing to join our ranks

preservation of our amateur bands

happiness and new friends through our contacts

numerous contacts for those who collect "wall paper" and enjoy "contests"

band openings

beautiful weather for field day week end

numerous swap fests and ham fests

equipment that never fails and batteries that never die

understanding spouses/families for all of us with a microphone rooted to our hand and earphones implanted on our ears

friendship

social activities

relaxation and enjoyment from one of the most wonderful hobbies in the world

health and happiness to all

**WORLD PEACE!**

***Our wish to all,***

***Friendship, happiness, peace, love and numerous filled logs***

***CHARTER MEMBERS  
HONORED  
DURING OUR  
50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY***

***LIFE MEMBER AWARDS PRESENTED TO:***

***Kurt Berge  
K8BKA***

***Dr. Paul Brennan  
WA9SKK***

***John Edquist, Sr.  
W8NZV***

***Robert Johnson  
AA8UT***

***Howard Sorensen  
W8ZPU***

## ***HAM OF THE YEAR AWARDS***

1994	Noel Beardsley K8NB
1995	Edward Engleman KG8CX
1996	Jim Mans AA9PB
1997	Jim Swanson KC8DOA
1998	Paul Drees WC9E
1999	Jim Callow K8IR

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1938

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will received between \$90,000 and \$100,000.  
**THE HERALD-LEADER,**  
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Published Saturday, October 4, 1947.

## RADIO HAMS FORM CLUB

Anyone interested in high frequency radio communications or experimentation is invited to attend a meeting of the M&M Radio Club in the American Legion building, Marinette Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 8 p.m.

Local interest in amateur radio has been growing and this club was recently organized to develop and promote that interest. The club will assist interested persons to acquire the knowledge and skill required to qualify for federal amateur radio licenses.

While club activities will be primarily devoted to amateur radio in general membership in the Club is open to any person interested in any phase of "short wave" or "high frequency" radio communication or experimentation.

The following officers have been elected to serve on a temporary basis to carry out organizational work: President Harry V. Frederick (Radio W9QGG); Vice-President Harry E. White (Radio W9CNV); Secretary-Treasurer Frank W. Wedge (Radio W9KPK).

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**Marinette Eagle-Star**  
Friday, October 3, 1947

## Club Is Formed By Radio 'Hams'

Schedule Meeting  
Here October 14

Formation of a twin city club for persons interested in radio was announced today by Harry V. Frederick of Marinette. A meeting will be held at Legion Memorial building at 8 p. m. Tuesday, October 14, open to all desiring to study radio.

Stating that there once were than 30 licensed radio operators in the twin cities, Frederick pointed out that local interest in amateur radio has been growing steadily the past year.

The organization, to be called the Marinette and Menominee Radio club, will provide a means of exchanging ideas and increasing the knowledge and skill of "hams." Persons desiring to obtain federal amateur licenses are especially invited to affiliate with the club. War veterans with military radio service also are invited to join.

Frederick is serving as temporary president, Harry E. White as temporary vice president and Frank W. Wedge as temporary secretary-treasurer. White and Wedge also live in Marinette.

## Radio Ham Club Expanding Here

Amateur radio operation in the Marinette area, silenced when bombed at Pearl Harbor, is undergoing a revival.

Membership of the Marinette and Menominee Radio club, formed September of last year, has jumped from seven to more than 20 enthusiastic "hams."

### Transmitters Core of Group

Core of the club is the group of members with transmitters. These are Harry Frederick of Marinette, better known in radio circles as W9QGG; Harry White, W9CNV; Ralph Johnson, W9DBC; Ed Kehoe, W9KPK; Frank Wedge Jr., W9BVU and Dr. H. L. Jorgensen, W9EOG all of Marinette; and Robert Landre, W8HND; Marcus Kronauer, W8ECK; and Howard Sorenson, W8ZPU, all of Menominee.

Latest addition to the station operators of the club is Dr. Jorgensen, who has held his license for approximately two months. Two more members hope to get their operating licenses soon.

Occupations represented by members of the club range from banking to chemistry.

Purpose of the club is promotion of interest in amateur shortwave communication and experimentation for the advancement of radio and the public welfare.

### Plan Instruction to Scouts

During the winter the club meet in the Sea Scout building at the Marinette Yacht basin. Future plans of the club include instruction in theory and code to scout and construction of a club transmitter and receiver for use in emergencies.

The first picnic of the club held recently at Henes park attracted 36 persons. Amateur operators and their families attended from San Diego, Cal.; Traverse City, Mich.; and Little Suamico, Green Bay, Sturgeon Bay, Sawyer and Oconto.



Menominee Herald Leader  
Monday Oct 17, 1949

MARINETTE EAGLE-STAR  
Monday, January 10, 1949

## 'Hams' to Form Emergency Unit

Frederick Named  
Local Co-ordinator

Harry V. Frederick of 2628 Parkridge avenue, amateur radio operator, has been chosen by the American Radio Relay league to set up an organization of local amateur radio operators who would be prepared to furnish emergency communication in time of disaster.

Frederick who will be known as emergency co-ordinator, operates station W9QGG. As co-ordinator, he will call local meetings of amateurs to establish common operating procedures and arrange drill periods when the personal stations of the "hams" may be mobilized under simulated emergency conditions.

His duties also include liaison planning with the local chapter of the Red Cross and other relief agencies, as suggested in the working understanding of the ARRL emergency corps has with national headquarters of the Red Cross and other agencies. Liaison will be established also with local protective services, such as fire and police departments.

## RADIO "HAMS" CONDUCT TESTS

A group of Twin City amateur radio operators have been organized under direction of Harry V. Frederick of Marinette into an emergency corps to provide this area with communications in event of a disaster that would cut the Twin Cities off from outside communications.

The unit is known as the M. & M. Emergency Corps of the American Radio Relay League and yesterday conducted a simulated emergency test with a view of perfecting a community plan. A number of short-range radio stations were set up at strategic points in Menominee and Marinette for local communications and high-powered long-range stations supplied contact with distant points.

Menominee members of the AEC and their call numbers are:

W8CBH — William A. Gerber;  
W8HND—Robert A. Landre and  
W8ZPU—Howard E. Sorensen.

Marinette operators are:

W9EVU — Franklin W. Wedge,  
Jr.; W9EOQ—Harvey L. Jorgenson;  
W9FWD—Kenneth E. Emmons;  
W9GKW — A. L. Stewart;  
W9KPK — Edward J. Kehoe;  
W9QGG—Harry V. Frederick, and

W9TRG—Calvin Heisinger, Oconto  
Wis.

MARINETTE EAGLE-STAR,  
Thursday, October 13, 1949  
MARINETTE, WISCONSIN

## Radio 'Hams' to Hold Area Tests

Designed to Help  
If Disaster Strikes

Sunday members of the Marinette and Menominee Emergency corps, under the leadership of H. V. Frederick, emergency co-ordinator of the American Radio Relay league, will conduct a simulated test to perfect a community plan in the event of interruption of all communication facilities in the area.

The organization is a group of amateur radio operators who have volunteered to lend assistance in the event disaster strikes and the area would be isolated from the outside world.

A number of short range radio stations will be set up at strategic points around the twin cities to provide local communication and several high powered long range stations will supply contact with distant points. A feature of the test will be the mobile stations operating from automobiles of several participants. The mobile units will be tied into a nationwide network of amateur stations.

Those who plan to participate are Franklin W. Wedge, Dr. H. L. Jorgenson, Kenneth E. Emmons, A. L. Stewart, Edward J. Kehoe and Frederick, all of Marinette; Calvin Heisinger of Oconto, William A. Gerber, Robert A. Landre, Howard W. Sorensen, all of Menominee.

## 'Disaster' Radio Setup Planned

MARINETTE, Jan. 16—(Special)—Harry Frederick, amateur radio operator, has been chosen by the American Radio Relay League to set up an organization of operators here to furnish emergency communication in time of disaster.

Frederick, who will be known as emergency co-ordinator, will call meetings of amateurs to establish common operating procedures and arrange drill periods.

Marinette, Wisconsin  
May 12, 1949

Mr. John G. Doyle  
4331 N. Wildwood Ave.  
Milwaukee 11, Wisconsin

Dear Jack:

As our director of the American Radio Relay League we wish to advise you that the Marinette and Menominee Radio Club have passed the following motions in regard to the F. C. C. proposals for changes in amateur rules.

1. We are opposed to the formation of the Amateur Extra Class License.
2. We are opposed to any changes in code requirements of present classes of licenses.
3. We are opposed to re-examination for renewal of present classes of amateur licenses.
4. We are in favor of five classes of radio amateurs, namely--  
Class A  
Class B  
Class C  
Technician  
Novice
5. We are in favor of having "New" applicants for Class A license be required to take Element 4 (E) of Section 12.42.
6. We are in favor of the proposed changes in frequency allocations of Section 12.111.
7. We are heartily in favor of the proposed addition called Section 12.107.

W8ECK - Marcus Kronauer - Menominee, Mich. Marcus P. Kronauer  
W8HND - Robert Landre - Menominee, Mich. R. A. Landre  
W8ZPU - Howard Sorensen - Menominee, Mich. Howard W. Sorensen  
W9BVU - Frank Wedge Jr. - Marinette, Wis. F. W. Wedge Jr.  
W9DBC - Ralph E. Johnson - Marinette, Wis. \_\_\_\_\_  
W9EOQ - Harvey L. Jorgenson - Marinette, Wis. Harvey L. Jorgenson  
W9FWD - Kenneth Emmons - Marinette, Wis. K. E. Emmons  
W9GMW - John Nelson - Marinette, Wis. \_\_\_\_\_  
W9KPK - Edward Kehoe - Marinette, Wis. Edward J. Kehoe  
W9QGQ - Harry V. Frederick - Marinette, Wis. Harry V. Frederick  
W9TRG - Calvin Heisinger - Oconto, Wis. Calvin Heisinger  
W9TWR - Donald MacLaughlin - Peshtigo, Wis. Donald MacLaughlin  
W8CBH - William Gerber - Menominee Mich. William Gerber  
W9HCJ - Norman J. Wackal - Oconto, Wis. Norman J. Wackal

Marinette & Menominee Radio Club

R. A. Landre  
Robert Landre W8HND  
Sec-Treas.

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KENNETH B. WARNER, EDITOR

Dec. 31, 1949

The M. & M. Radio Club  
Mr. Zen Emmons, Secy.-Treas.  
731 Marinette Ave.  
Marinette, Wis.

Dear Mr. Emmons:

I am pleased to hear that your club has now been declared a duly affiliated society of the American Radio Relay League. It is an action on the part of your membership which I am sure we will find to be mutually beneficial.

The Emergency aspect of amateur radio in your area has ably represented and organized under the direction of your Emergency Coordinator, Mr. Harry Frederick, W9QGQ, and I am sure the future will find M. & M. in there pitching. As Mr. Handy of ARRL mentions in his letter, I would be interested in hearing from you monthly about the activities of your club members in a short note or card on the first of the month. In addition to the Emergency Corps activities, I would also like representation from some of your membership in the various operating activities represented by the official appointments listed below and which are designed to fit various individual operating trends.

ORS - Official Relay Station (For the CW traffic man)  
CPS - Official Phone Station (For the phone enthusiast)  
OBS - Official Bulletin Station  
CO - Official Observer (The ham's internal monitoring service)  
CES - Official Experimental Station (For the VHF enthusiast)  
Nets: WIN - Wis. CW net 3775 kc. 7 & 10 pm Mon - Fri.  
      SEN - Badger Emergency Net (phone) 3950 kc. 5 pm daily

I will be glad to furnish further details on any of the above items to any of your membership who might be interested upon request.

In closing let me extend extend my best wishes for success in all your club's endeavors.



73,

RENO W. GOETSCH, W9RQM  
929 SOUTH 7th AVENUE  
WAUSAU, WISCONSIN

Friday, January 6, 1930

MARINETTE, WISCONSIN

MARINETTE EAGLE-STAR, A



Receives Charter—Calvin Heisinger of Oconto (right), president of the M. and M. Radio club, receives the club's new charter from the American Radio Relay league. The presentation was made at the club's banquet at Silver Dome Thursday evening by F. R. Eggers of Manitowoc (left), assistant director of ARRL's central division. Looking on are two club officers, Ed Kehoe (second from left), vice president, and Kenneth Emmons, secretary. The club is composed of amateur radio operators of this vicinity.

W9FWQ

(1962)

W9KPK

(Eagle-Starphoto)



# M & M RADIO CLUB EXAM

1950

I DO

I DON'T

Like Doc Shaw's stories

Like the aroma of Don DeWitt's and Reuben Horn's pipe

Like to sit and "drool" over W9EQQ's "gallon" Xmtr.

Like the lunches after the meetings (especially the ones by the Wallace Boys)

Like Mark's code practice

Like Cal's and Ed Kehoe's discourses on electronics

Like to chew the fat with the fellows

Like to pull wire from the junk box

Like the ARRL movéass

Like to hear the other fellows chew the fat

Like to find out more about antennas

Like to hear Frank being ragged about singe<sup>le</sup> side band

Like an excuse to get away from the XYL once in a while (don't let HER see you fill out this one)

Like to get the answers to those exam questions explained

Like to hear Leo and Bill talk about their technical troubles and 5 AM schedules at WHAM

Like to hear Earl VanHagen tell yarns about the old days

Like to see Norm Wachal's latest surplus equipment purchases

Like to watch Howard Sorenson bid at the club auctions

Like to bid myself

Like to run down "Les" Jorgenson's SX42 receiver

TOTAL DO'S

TOTAL DON'TS

IF YOUR DO'S OUTNUMBER YOUR DON'TS, THEN YOU NEED THE M & M RADIO CLUB AND THE CLUB NEEDS YOU. COME TO THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW SEASON ON THURSDAY SEPT. 14TH AT 7:30. BRING A FRIEND. BRING YOUR SUGGESTIONS ON WHAT YOU WANT ON OUR PROGRAMS THIS YEAR. THERE WILL BE ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND LUNCH WE HOPE. C U THERE WE HOPE.

M & M Radio Club

Published every  
"once in a while"

RAG

What the hams  
around the bay chew  
every Monday night.

Tuesday, January 17th, 1950

OUR CHARTER NIGHT. From all indications, our charter night was a big success. We had plenty of food, music (with audio amplification), pictures by the local paper, smoke from Don's pipe (it didn't bother us, Don), questions by Doc ECQ, latest information by Russ W9FMH and fun by everybody. In fact, Ed KPK suggested we make the dinner an annual affair if for nothing more than giving the XYL's a treat(?) for letting us out of the house every other Thursday night for radio club all the rest of the year. The following were at the dinner: Don DeWitt & XYL, Frank Wedge & XYL, Cal Holsinger & XYL, Earl VanEgen & XYL, M. J. Bailey & XYL, Ralph Johnson & XYL, Leo Stewart & XYL, Dr. Harvey Jorgenson & XYL, Reuben Horn & XYL, Bob Landre & XYL, Bob Eldt, Howard Sorenson & XYL, Ken Emmons & XYL, Russ Eggers, our guest.

Our CHARTER- Some of the fellows suggested that we get our charter framed with the few dollars we had left over from our charter night dinner. The first two places that the "sec" inquired no longer did this sort of work but the second gave us about 8 ft of molding. Ralph W9DBC and Reuben are going to do the framing for us.

THE PICTURE- The Eagle Star gave us some copies of the cut they ran in the paper so we will be able to have one to frame and put up in the club room if you wish. The others will go to Russ Eggers and Jack Doyle.

OUR NEXT MEETING IS THURSDAY, JAN. 19th at 7:30 P. M. Please try and be on time as there is a lot of work to do. There is no formal program but plenty of things to hash over and work to do on the code table as our keys are now here and will need to be mounted and wired. Lots by Howard and Makk.

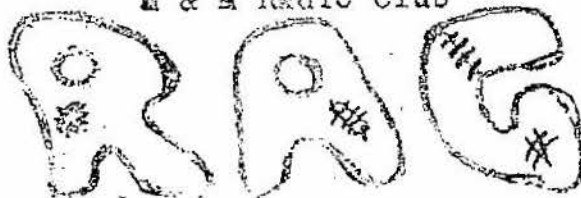
YOUR DUES ARE Paid Oct 27 In our next issue we would like to give you a list of the members of our club that could be used for reference purposes. If the upper part of this item is NOT marked PAID, can you slip us a buck (plus one extra buck for new members) at the next meeting or if you won't be there mail it. What are the dues for? Mostly to pay the cost of sending you this "Stuff".

THE XYL'S CORNER. In case you were puzzled about certain abbreviations that were used at the banquet the other night the following might help: YL - Young lady; XYL - wife; Jr. Op. a son; Jr. XYL - a daughter; OM - old man (any male becomes an OM as soon as he is married regardless of age) OW (never used with the XYL around). 73 - Best regards; 88 Love and kisses.

Classified Add Sections

WANTED Insect exterminators to get the bugs out of our rigs. Inquire: Don DeWitt and the Oconto gang, W9EQQ, Ralph Johnson, W9DBC.

BY  
W9FWD



Published every  
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What the hams  
around the bay  
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every Monday night

Wednesday, Feb. 15, 1950

THE CASE OF THE WANDERING X. Last issue we listed W9TRG as attending the chapter night dinner with an XYL. We knew better and don't know how the extra "X" crept in unless there were so many other XYL's. Anyway our pardon, Cal.

BILL GERBER, W8CBH NOW HAS HIS CLASS "A". We knew this at the last issue but ran out of space before we could mention it. Bill has been working 10, 20 and will be on 75 one of these days. Congratulations Bill.

#### M & M Radio Club Membership List

Robert Asgaard	503 Carney Blvd	Marinette, Wis	--
Elton Anderson		Wallace, Mich	--
M. M. Bailey	905 Holmes Ave	Menominee, Mich	--
Don Dawitt	567 Main St.	Oconto, Wis	--
Ken Emmons	731 Marinette Ave	Marinette, Wis	W9FWD
Harry Frederick	2628 Partridge	Marinette, Wis	W9QGG
William Gerber	1002 Stephenson Ave	Menominee, Mich	W8CBH
Calvin Heisinger	321 Erie St.	Oconto, Wis	W9TRG
Reuben Horn	217 Shore Drive	Marinette, Wis	--
Ralph E. Johnson	Route 1 Box 194B	Marinette, Wis	W9DBC
Dr. H. L. Jorgenson	1554 Main St.	Marinette, Wis.	W9EOQ
Edward Kehoe	1403 Logan Ave	Marinette, Wis.	W9KPK
Archie C. Kronauer	Bay Shore Road	Menominee, Mich	W8ECK
A. Landre	508 Dunlap Ave	Menominee, Mich	W8HND
Tom Looney	Main St	Oconto, Wis	---
Sandy McTavish	Mott St	Oconto, Wis	---
Gordon Newlin		Wallace, Mich	---
Dr. R. W. Shaw	2525 Riverside Drive	Marinette, Wis	---
Howard Sorenson	1404 State St	Menominee, Mich	W8ZPU W8ZPU
Leo Stewart	RR2 Box 64B	Marinette, Wis	W9GKW
Earl Van Hagen	706 Dunlap Ave	Menominee, Mich	---
Frank Wedge, Jr.	Shore Drive	Marinette, Wis	W9BVU
Norman Wachal	301 School St.	Oconto, Wis	W9HCJ

TWO NEW LICENSED AMATEURS IN PESHTIGO. We understand that Don McLaughlin, W9TWR has been instrumental in helping two young hams get their license, Congratulations Don as well as the new hams. Hope to hear you on the air soon.

THE LAKE SUPERIOR RADIO CLUB of Calumet, Michigan has decided to print a U. P. Ham Bulletin once a month. Anyone having any "new" you think the boys in the U. P. might be interested in or if you would like a copy, leave your name with the "sec" or send it to James Oswald, W8CVE, 606 Calverly St., Houghton, Mich.

M & M RADIO CLUB MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 7:30 P. M. Ed Kehoe will talk on radio frequency amplification problems. Better not miss this. Ed knows his stuff. Our new code oscillator is now working and we have headphones for everybody. Eats by Kehoe and Wedge. Don't forget.

By W9FWD

MARINETTE PAPER COMPANY

MARINETTE, WISCONSIN

April 14, 1950

Be it resolved that the Marinette & Menominee Radio Club of Marinette, Wisconsin hereby goes on record as favoring the adoption of legislation by the State of Wisconsin legislature authorizing the State of Wisconsin Motor Vehicle Department to issue Motor Vehicle license plates to Licensed Amateur Radio Operators bearing their Amateur Call Letters in lieu of regular numerical license plates.

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Sunday June 6 1954

### LOCATION OF AMATEUR RADIO CARS

These units will be mobile and move from parking lot to parking lot, and keep headquarters informed of conditions.

Higley Field and other Carney Ave. lots	--	One Unit
Airport Site and other Mary St. lots	--	One Unit
Marinette Glove Co. and other Pierce Ave. lots	--	One Unit
Downtown lots	--	One Unit

Call Menominee 8-6552 if one of these units is needed.

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### STREETS BARRICADED AT 1:15 P.M.

Water St. at 9th St.	Wells St. at Carney Blvd.
Terrace Ave. at 9th St.	Thomas St. at Pierce Ave.
10th St. at Carney Blvd.	Sherman St. at Pierce Ave.
Shore Drive at Carney Blvd.	Grant St. at Pierce Ave.
Merryman St. at Carney Blvd.	Newberry Ave. at Pierce Ave.
Pernin St. at Carney Blvd.	Golden Court at Pierce Ave.
Stanton St. at Carney Blvd.	Ludington St. at Dunlap Square
Oddfellow St. at Carney Blvd.	Eggner St. at Bridge St.
Church St. At Carney Blvd.	Main St. at 9th St.
Colfax St. at Carney Blvd.	Prescott St. at Carney Blvd.

These streets will be blocked off to keep traffic out of parade forming area at 1:15 P.M. Residents of area and parade marchers can park in available streets that are not being used for forming parade.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1931

## Amateur Radio Operators Here Plan Emergency Tests Sunday

A simulated emergency radio relay test will be held in the Marinette-Menominee area Sunday. Harry Frederick, emergency co-ordinator of the American Radio Relay league, will be in charge of the test in which members of the Mari-

nette and Menominee amateur radio emergency corps will check the community plan to provide the area with emergency communications facilities in the event of a disaster that might damage or incapacitate normal facilities.

The local radio corps consists of a group of amateur radio operators who have volunteered their time and radio stations to a nation-wide organization so that Marinette and Menominee will never be isolated from surrounding communities as a result of telephone or telegraph line failures, said Frederick.

During the Sunday test a number of mobile radio units will pick up messages from the Oconto Red Cross chairman, the Marinette Red Cross chairman, Stanley Holmquist; the Menominee Red Cross chairman, Dr. W. S. Jones Jr., and the Marinette civic defense director, Joseph Kieft. Messages will be channeled through high-powered, long range stations to national headquarters of each organization.

The simulated test will be one of hundreds of similar tests being conducted throughout the nation by local units of the corps this week end to check on speed and reliability of communication, under simulated emergency conditions, with other parts of the country.

Local amateurs who will participate are Franklin Wedge Jr., Kenneth Emmons, Ralph Johnson, A. L. Stewart, and Edward Kehoe, all of Marinette; and William Gerber, Mark Kronauer, Gordon Newlin, Frederick, and Howard Sorensen, all of Menominee.

vious position that it lacked authority.

THE HERALD-LEADER

MENOMINEE, MICHIGAN

## Amateur Radio Defense Test Set

Members of the Marinette and Menominee Amateur Radio Emergency Corps under the leadership of Harry Frederick, emergency co-ordinator of the American Radio Relay League, Sunday will conduct a simulated emergency test of the community plan to provide the Menominee-Marinette area with emergency communications facilities in the event of a disaster that might damage or incapacitate normal communications facilities.

The local Amateur Radio Emergency Corps is a group of amateur radio operators who have volunteered their time and radio stations so Menominee and Marinette will never be isolated from the outside world as the result of failure of telephone and telegraph lines, and is a part of a nation-wide organization.

Civil defense will be the keynote of this year's test, emphasizing the mobility and versatility of the station units taking part. During the test a number of mobile radio units will pick up messages from the Oconto Red Cross chairman, Marinette Red Cross Chairman Stanley Holmquist; Menominee Red Cross Chairman Dr. W. S. Jones, Jr., and Marinette Civil Defense Director Joseph Kieft.

These messages will be channeled through high-powered, long-range stations to the national headquarters of each organization.

This test will be one of hundreds of similar tests being conducted all over the nation by local units of the Amateur Emergency Radio Corps during the weekend of Oct. 13-14, and the criterion of successful planning will be the speed and reliability of communications.

The following local radio amateurs will participate in the test:

Menominee: William Gerber, W8CBH; Mark Kronauer, W8ECK; Gordon Newlin, W8FZV; Harry Frederick, W8QGQ; Howard Sorensen, W8ZPU.

Marinette: Franklin Wedge, Jr., W9BVU; Kenneth Emmons, W9FWD; Ralph Johnson, W9DBC; A. L. Stewart, W9GKW; Edward Kehoe, W9KPK.

Saturday, October 13, 1931

Monday, June 7, 1954

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## Smooth Flow Of Traffic Sunday

### No Serious Hitch Develops Here

Marinette played host for several hours Sunday to an estimated 15,000 to 20,000 visitors without a serious hitch in the smooth flow of traffic into and out of the city. This was the result of teamwork knitted firmly together by more than 20 mobile radio units.

It demonstrated with finesse a modern practice — namely, go to the outskirts to meet traffic problems before they become snarls in the city.

Originally it was intended to use an airplane flying over the main arteries to spot congestion and direct police to it. However, this was abandoned when it was learned that the pilot could reach ground units by radio, but they could not speak to him.

The occasion, of course, was the Roman Catholic Holy Name Society parade and devotional ceremony. Ed Woleske, traffic chairman, expressed his complete satisfaction with the harmonious performance of local, neighboring city and state traffic officers.

Radio contacts of the various functioning units were relayed through a network center under Warner Lund at the Marinette County courthouse. Another clearing center was the home of Harry V. Frederick, Menominee, emergency co-ordinator of the American Radio League of amateur operations in this area. The M and M Radio club had five mobile units stationed at various parking areas to spot congestion. Their circuit was unable to communicate directly with traffic officers, but the amateurs (or Hams) radioed Frederick and he relayed their messages via telephone to the police. Only two occasions arose to call for police help at the parking lots.

It was the amateur radio opera-

tors' first opportunity in this community to demonstrate its value in case of emergency, Frederick explained. Eight licensed operators and three beginners participated. During the operation Frederick's phone went out of order, and the telephone Company declared an emergency so that a repairman could be made available to fix it.

Traffic control called into service mobile radio units of Marinette city and county, Menominee, Oconto city and county, Peshigo plus eight from the state patrol. Units stationed at the intersections, of main highways outside the city were advised of any clotting in the flow of cars and thus diverted travel from one route to another on the outskirts whenever congestion threatened.

Amvets and Boy Scouts were assigned stations along with regular traffic officers in the master chart of traffic control.

relief ahead."

Perdue said reductions of 30 cents

per hundredweight in the price of

THE HERALD-LEADER

MENOMINEE, MICHIGAN

Friday, February 13, 1931

Radio Amateurs Ask

Special Auto Tags

LANSING P — A bill which would permit issuance of special automobile license plates to amateur radio operators bearing their station call letters has been filed for introduction in the House.

The bill was sponsored by Rep. Howard R. Estes (of Birmingham), who reported it was requested by the 3,600 radio "hams" in the state as a civil defense measure.

The bill provides that the state could charge an extra fee for the plates.

## THE HERALD-LEADER

MENOMINEE, MICHIGAN

Monday, October 11, 1954

MARINETTE EAGLE-STAR,

MARINETTE, WISCONSIN

Monday, October 11, 1954

Test Network  
Of Radio Unit

A simulated test of the Marinette - Menominee community emergency plan was conducted Sunday by members of the Marinette - Menominee Amateur Radio Emergency Corps. The group was directed by Harry Frederick of Menominee, emergency co-ordinator of the American Radio Relay League.

Messages from Richard Baker, Marinette's acting civil defense director, and Anton Jensen, Menominee defense chief, were transmitted via a statewide amateur radio network to the state civil defense directors at Madison and Lansing, Mich., respectively.

The Badger emergency network was used to transmit messages Menominee Red Cross, to the Red Cross disaster chairman, and Fred R. Andersen, chairman of the Menominee Red Cross, to the Red Cross amateur station, W3DUA, at Evanston, Ill. The communications were relayed by teletype to national headquarters in Washington, D. C.

The test was one of hundreds conducted throughout the nation during the week end. The plan is designed to provide communications facilities if a disaster damages regular facilities. The tests this year emphasize civil defense.

Members of the local corps and their call letters are:

Howard Sorensen, W8ZPU; Michael Anuta, W8HKY; William Gerber, W8CBH; Marcus Kronauer, W8ECK; Kenneth Emmons, W9FWD; Walter Boller, W9UXW; Edward Kehoe, W9KPK; Franklin Wedge, W9BVU, and Frederick, 8QGGQ.

Radio "Hams" Aid  
In Emergency Test

A simulated emergency test of the Twin City Community Emergency Plan was conducted Sunday by members of the Marinette-Menominee Amateur Radio Emergency Corps, under supervision of Harry Frederick, W8QGG, of Riverside Boulevard, emergency co-ordinator for the American Radio Relay League.

Purpose of the plan is to provide the Twin City area with emergency communication facilities in the event of disaster that might damage or incapacitate normal communications facilities.

The local Amateur Radio Emergency Corps (AREC) is composed of a group of amateur radio operators who have volunteered their time and radio stations to assure that this area will never find itself without communications as result of failure of telephone and telegraph lines. It is a part of a national organization.

Civil defense is being stressed in the year's test. Messages from Police Chief Anton Jensen, Menominee civilian defense director, and Richard Baker, Marinette director, were transmitted via statewide amateur networks to state civil defense directors at Madison and Lansing.

Messages from Fred Andersen, chairman of the Menominee Red Cross chapter, and Harry Merrill, Marinette Red Cross chairman, were transmitted via the Badger emergency network to the Red Cross amateur station at Evanston, Ill., where they were relayed by teletype to the National Red Cross headquarters at Washington, D. C.

The simulated emergency test here Sunday was one of hundreds conducted nationally by the amateur radio operators. The Twin City members participating and their amateur radio station call letters are:

Howard Sorensen—W8ZPU.  
Michael J. Anuta—W8HKY.  
William Berther—W8CBH.  
Marcus Kronauer—W8ECK.  
William Gerber—W8CBH.  
Walter Boller—W9UXW.  
Edward Kehoe—W9KPK.  
Franklin Wedge—W9BVU.

"Ham" Operator Enjoys  
World-wide Conversations

Marinette — A flip of a radio switch, a brief equipment warm up period, and a man speaks into a microphone: "CQ, calling CQ. This is W8QGG, W8 Queen George Queen, Menominee, Michigan — Calling and standing by, K please." The man is Harry V. Frederick, our Sulphite Superintendent, who has been interested in radio since he was a boy.

Harry has operated four different stations during the eighteen years since he first acquired his license as a "ham" operator.

His equipment consists of a 500 watt sending and receiving set, auxiliary phone equipment, a rotary beam antenna set up on a 50 foot telephone pole and a transmitting and receiving set in his automobile. He graduated a few years ago from sending by code to voice.

Harry has served in the U. S. Coast Guard Temporary Reserve as a Signalman First Class, and has ten years as a U. S. Naval Reserve Communications Man to his credit.

At present, Harry is a member of the Badger Emergency Network and the Upper Peninsula Emergency Network. These organizations furnish emergency communications in case of fires, floods and failure of telephone or telegraph lines.

As Coordinator for the American Radio Relay League, Harry successfully handled a simulated emergency staged by the Radio Emergency Corp. On another occasion he served as part of a network working as a clearing center for messages, during a parade in Marinette involving 20,000 marchers and spectators.

Many messages are received by amateurs to be relayed to friends and acquaintances living near there. It is part of the friendly brotherhood that

exists among "hams" to aid one another.

Harry finds that his hobby offers him twofold pleasure. First, it gives him the opportunity to converse with people all over the world, and second, it



Marinette — Harry Frederick, Ham Radio operator, has contacted many parts of the world on his elaborate set-up installed in his home.

is a means of serving his community in a unique way.

The American Radio Relay League also provides much social activity for Harry each year. The annual charter night banquet is one of the highlights of local "hams" social calendar. In addition an annual picnic is held, which regularly draws together "hams" from all over the State of Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

A recent ruling by the Motor Vehicle department now allows all amateur radio operators to use their call letters on their license plates. Harry's license number? You guessed it! W8QGG.

Handshake  
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David McD  
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MONDAY, JULY 30, 1955

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## 200 Radio-Amateurs Here

The largest gathering of Radio were planned by Harry V. Frederick, John H. Edquist and Kenneth Emmons. David Arnold and William Gerber were in charge of games. Wayne Kesting, Howard Sorensen and Chester Kain were in charge of prizes and awards. Gene Paulsen arranged for refreshments. Walter Boller was communication coordinator during the morning.

The event was unique in that many of the amateurs attending had mobile radio equipment in their cars and were able to maintain radio communication with each other and with stations in Menominee while enroute to the picnic.

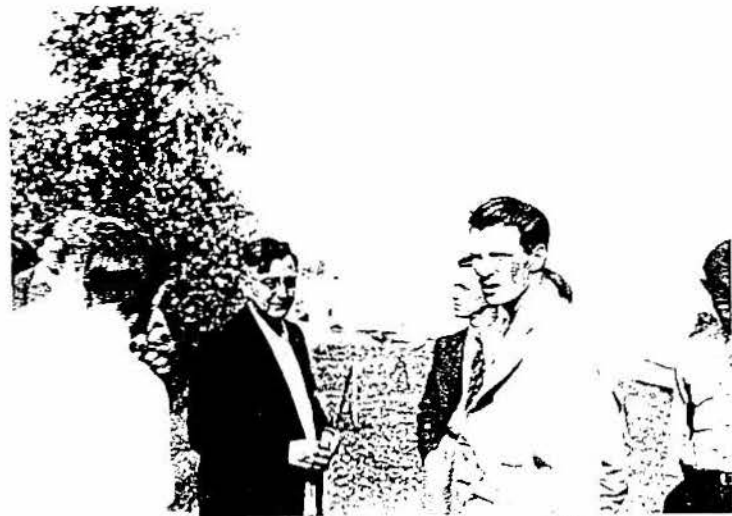
Games and awards highlighted the event during the afternoon. Arrangements and invitations

W9TRG W82PU WYHND

W8QGG



Wedge - Cal Hisinger Home Sorenson Harry Fredericks



W8QGG W901A W9BVU



W8QGG Endell Melbert W6GMW Lloyd Bolin W9TWE Don McLaughlin



OVER

Left to Right - Standing  
 Gilbert - 9010 - 93M - 9TRG - 9BVU - 9QGG  
 9GMW - 8HAD - 6GMW  
 Sitting  
 9TWR 8GMW





Postmaster August W. Delgoffe (Right) presenting 5-cent commemorative postage stamps honoring amateur radio operators for work in the Alaskan earthquake. This is the 50th anniversary of the American Radio Relay

League. Accepting the stamps are Ken Emmons, W9FWD (left), Howard Sorensen, W8ZPU, and Harry Frederick, W8QGQ. (Herald-Leader photo)

Thursday, June 20, 1968, MARINETTE E

## Radio Club In Field Contest

Marinette and Menominee Amateur Radio Club will participate this weekend in a nationwide test of emergency powered stations.

The field day is sponsored annually by the American Radio Relay League. It allows local clubs to combine testing for emergency preparedness with a unique contest activity.

The M and M club will set up for this year's test on a farm field on highway 577 about four miles north of the Menominee city limits. Two complete stations will operate for 24-hours beginning at 4 p.m. Saturday.

One station will be set up in a mobile home trailer. The other will be located in a large tent.

The entire operation will be powered with a gasoline generator. During the contest period, contacts will be made with stations in all parts of the nation.

Each club's score will be determined by the number of two-way contacts made during the 24-hour period.

Officers of the M and M club are: Kurt Berge of Menominee, whose amateur radio call is K8BKA, president; Ron Zurawski of Menominee, WA8FYD, vice president; Dr. Paul Brennan of Marinette, WA9SKK, secretary-treasurer. Zurawski is field day chairman.

The public is invited to visit the field day site on Saturday or Sunday afternoon. Signs will be erected to guide visitors to the area.

Wednesday, March 9, 1966

### 30 YEARS AGO TODAY

J. W. Wells, George Haggerson, W. W. Harmon, C. L. Hanson and H. B. Moulton were appointed members of the water board to take charge of the Municipal waterworks.

To the blowing of whistles which caused all Menominee to rush to the telephone to find out the reason for the din, the City of Menominee at 10:30 a.m. today came into possession of the water works.

### 25 YEARS AGO TODAY

Robert Landre of Menominee



## 2000

The new millennium awoke with ham radio and the M&M ARC standing at the ready. Many of you remember the nationwide fears of the "Y2K" possible computer crash. Well, members of the M&M ARC were standing by at the Marinette Emergency operations center to assist with the ensuing societal meltdown that was thought to be possible after all of the computers in the nation failed to recognize the digits 2000 as a date. Eric Jansen, a long time member of the club, was one of the ham radio operators watching the second hand slowly tick off the seconds of the clock at the EOC in anticipation of the melt down and he was at the ready to supply essential communications when all of the infrastructure systems shut down. The second hand finally ticked off the last second, 12 midnight. And nothing happened, everything continued to run, emergency communications systems continued to function correctly, and the new century proceeded without a glitch. But it is good to know that at the very first second of the new millennium, the M&M ARC ham radio operators were active and ready to help their community.

Many great ham radio events have taken place between 2000 and 2010. In this booklet, we hope to go over many of the events and reminisce about the fun, excitement, and disappointments over the last decade.

I would like to thank all of the members that have contributed to the success and growth of the club. I would also like to thank all that have helped compile stories and photos from the last 10 years to be placed in this booklet for the generations of ham radio operators and club members to come.

Sixty years as an affiliated ARRL club and it is showing no signs of decline. This is an outstanding achievement in the eyes of this writer and one that should be recognized with great fanfare.

Take some time, relax, and enjoy the stories and photographs that are part of the history of the M&M ARC, it is you that has made this possible and you that will continue the great tradition and hobby of ham radio throughout the twenty first century.

Jim Pearson, KS8O  
V.P. M&M ARC, 2010



Some of the memorable events that have taken place in the last 10 years show that the M&M Amateur Radio Club continues to thrive in our local area and beyond. The Tri-County Skywarn group has become one of the most dedicated groups of hams from our club and has become well known by both weather services that cover our area.

Our club has participated in the T-34 fly-in that takes place at the Menominee County Airport. From ground control to aircraft guidance during parking, the members of the club were an essential part of the success of the fly-in. Jim Callow, K8IR, supplied the audio system and commentary during the fly-in that helped the public hear as well as see the activities of the flights.

The club took a giant leap forward by installing a new repeater system. A new antenna (Comprod 874F-70SM) at approximately 410 feet up on the tower, feed line (Andrew LDF5), duplexer (TXRX), and repeater (Kenwood TKR-750), has replaced the 35 to 40 year old system (including a GE Master II). This is an investment for the future that will live on for many years to come due to the high quality components that were used for this installation.

The ARRL VE team has helped many hams during this period attain their radio ticket as well as upgrade. Several hams were tested at field days and local restaurants. The area has also gain a new team called the W5YI group. Having both teams has made possible the drop of the hat VE session, where prospective hams can call and be assured of a VE session within 48 hours.

In 2009, the M&M Arc has once again hit the airwaves as a contest club. We participated as a club in the Michigan QSO party. In the past the club has been a winning presence in this contest and many Michigan hams were delighted to hear W8PIF calling "CQ TEST" once again.

A new and exciting element has come to the forefront of activity on our local W8PIF repeater. Echolink has now been engaged to allow hams in our area to contact hams across the world via the repeater. During the Friday night "Echolink Round Table," hams across the U.S. and Canada, as well as stations from South Africa and other exotic places have joined in on the fun of the roundtable. The "Kandy Net" has also had some great check-in's from distant locations. As of this writing, the echolink is in a trial period to assess it's viability for use.

The club has continued its special event stations that take place every year at the Waterfront Festival in Menominee. We have even had people become hams because of that ham radio community showplace. In 2005, the M&M Arc became a member of the Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society and passes out our information to lighthouse collectors at this event.

At every meeting of the club, we continue to have great presentations and club information that is passed. Things like APRS, Echolink, Demonstrations, and many other subjects are covered at these meetings, so if you miss a meeting, you miss an education.

## **D.A.R. Boys & Girls Club Ham Radio Program**

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The seed was planted in 2005 when Paul Drees, WC9E, and DAR director, Rich Crevier, began conversation on the feasibility of having a ham radio station at the local boys and girls club facility. The subject was brought up at the May 2005 meeting of the M&M ARC where a positive response was gathered. Paul was instrumental in getting several pieces of ham radio gear and an R7 vertical antenna to be donated from families of two M&M ARC members who had become silent keys. After some preliminary work, 12 members of the local Ham Assistance Team (HAT) met at the Menominee DAR club facility on a cold day in late January of 2006, to set up the antenna, run feedline, and hook up the Heath SB1400 hf radio and power supply. We were on the air using the W8PIF call sign Jan. 31, 2006. One year later, we applied for and received the vanity call of K8DAR. The call was issued to the "Menominee DAR Radio Club" with Ed Engleman, KG8CX, as trustee and control operator. The station has been operated and maintained since by Ed, with assistance from Jim Pearson KS8O and several other M&M ARC members.

Thanks to the families of Howard Sorensen, W8ZPU, and Roger Christ, KB9EUV, who donated the Heath radio and R7 antenna to get us started. Many other local and area hams, as well as two service organizations, and just plain folks contributed funds and radio equipment to "enhance the magic of ham radio" for DAR youth. A list of contributors follows.

The DAR radio program has received three major awards, three from Michigan and one from Wisconsin for "Outstanding program." As of March 2010, we have made well over 1000 contacts both stateside and DX from the station. DX countries number 115 and all 50 states have been made from K8DAR. We are the only known Boys & Girls Club in the nation with an operating full time ham radio station. In addition, 12 youngsters have successfully received their Technician class ham radio licenses through the DAR program. Several have also upgraded to both General class and Extra class.

Lloyd Gomez, W9LEG, spent most of the summer of 2009 helping out in the program, along with his wife Gayle, K9GCG. Lloyd was instrumental in getting two computers and a fine metal storage cabinet for us. They will return for 2010 to assist Ed in keeping the program alive and well.

D.A.R. stands for Daughters of the American Revolution, a group that started the club 95 years ago in order to keep young boys off the streets and give them a wholesome and safe environment to enjoy. That philosophy continues today with both boys and girls enrolled with after school and summer activities.

Ham radio has been long associated with DAR club activities. The club had a ham station back in the 1920's through the

1960's when it was located on 7th Street in Menominee. A QSL card from 1921 is pictured to prove that fact. Several local hams got their start in ham radio through the DAR.

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Several generations of long time ham radio operators can be seen in the local area...

Tyler Lehman, KC9FKE, is the 3rd generation in his family.

Ed Engleman, KG8CX, is his great uncle, and Tyler's great grandfather was Douglas Wheelock, W9ZAW.

The Mans family starts with Al, KG9BI, and Sally, KB9IMX, (sk). Then there are Al's sons, Jim, AA9PB, and John, N8YWB, along with 3rd generation Hunter, K8MBI, the son of John.

Jim Pearson, KS8O  
Ed Engleman, KG8CX  
(M&M ARC February 2010)



# D. A. R. Radio Club

Menominee, Mich.

Radio *7CA* . . . . . You were heard on *2.6* 192*2* at *19.3*

{	Calling . . . . .	{	Spark	Q.R.M.	{	Bad
	Working . . . . .		I.C.W.			Moderate
	Tone <i>F.B.</i> Wave . . . . .		C.W.			None
			Phone			

Equipment at *QOL*: Transmitting--Acme 1000 in oil. "Signal" glass plate condenser, pancake O. T. 2 and 1 and one-half inches. Receiving: "Signal" regenerative set; . . . . . step amplifier; Baldwins-- Aerial 3 wire, 70 feet long; 50 feet high

Remarks:

Radiation

Q. S. R. any time. Please report on *QOL*'s sigs.

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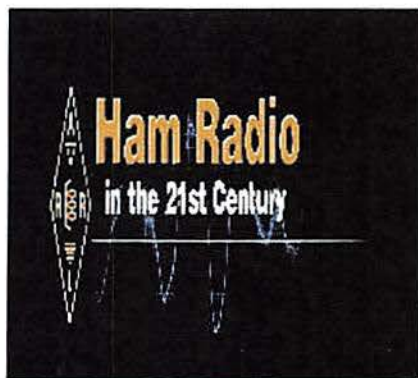


# Ham of the Year Awards



1994 K8NB Noel Beardsley  
1995 KG8CX Ed Engleman  
1996 KC8DOA Jim Swanson  
1997 AA9PB Jim Mans  
1998 WC9E Paul Drees  
1999 K8IR Jim Callow

2000 N8OSK Lynne Rynish  
2001 KE9S Jeff Rymer  
2002 KG9GH Eric Janssen  
2003 K0SN Tom Helling  
2004 AA9JH Lou Parkansky  
2005 KG9GH Eric Janssen  
2006 KG8CX Ed Engleman



2007 KS8O Jim Pearson  
2008 W8DXX Dave Arnold  
2009 AB9PJ Pete Johnson

## Inauguration of QCWA Chapter 219

The M & M ARC was asked by member W8DXX, Dave Arnold, to support the establishment of an area QCWA Chapter. The purpose of the QCWA (Quarter Century Wireless Association) is to promote friendship and cooperation among Amateur Radio operators who were licensed as such at least a quarter of a century ago. The closest chapters are in Cadillac, Michigan, and Racine, Wisconsin. It is an international organization with over 30,000 members.

An organizational meeting was held at Perkin's Restaurant, Menominee, Michigan, on March 17, 2007 for a proposed QCWA chapter for northeastern Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Attendees were: Dave Arnold W8DXX, Dwight Bosselman NS9I, Jim Callow K8IR, Floyd Croy K8ZLO, Pamela Croy K7PAM, Tom Hellem K0SM, Dave Palmgren N8DP, and Ed Wruk K9FQC.

Those in attendance voted to petition National QCWA to form a chapter covering the abovementioned area. W8DXX was elected President and K8IR was elected Secretary for the proposed chapter. W8DXX, K8IR, W6BSF, N8DP and K8ICO were the initial signers.

A charter was granted by National QCWA on April 9, 2007 for Chapter 219, NEW-UP (North Eastern Wisconsin - Upper Peninsula) to organize and conduct business and social meetings in Wisconsin and Michigan. QCWA annual dues are \$25, which includes a quarterly magazine, The QCWA Journal. To date we have not assessed dues for membership in Chapter 219. The official QCWA banner is displayed and an information table is manned by Chapter 219 at AES Superfest (Milwaukee, WI), UP Hamfest (Escanaba, MI) and HARA Hamfest (Negaunee, MI). National headquarters generously supplies free materials for the information table.

Quarterly meetings have been held consistently since the charter was granted. These are usually held in conjunction with other happenings/events such as the UP Hamfest, HARA Hamfest, and NEW DXA meetings. Membership has grown from the original 5 signers to over 20 and the geographic area of members now spans from Manitowoc, WI to Laurium, MI. Chapter 219 has established a SSB net on 3835 which meets at 4:00 on the 2nd Saturday of the month.

Awards are one of the items on the meeting agenda. They are given for 50 years as an amateur radio operator and for every 5 years thereafter. To date 17 certificates, issued from QCWA headquarters, have been given through Chapter 219--a lot of Ham experience!

QCWA continues to be a line item on the monthly Menominee & Marinette Amateur Radio Club monthly meetings. There is always something to report as we continue to grow.

Dave Arnold, W8DXX

(March 7th, 2010)

## **Marinette and Menominee Ham Assistance Team**

(January 2006 to Present)

As the Marinette and Menominee Amateur Radio Club grew and tested more individuals for FCC Amateur Radio licenses, so did the desire for hams to put up more towers and equipment. With new hams in the area, the desire to have an antenna support structure along with new radios became a fascination for some.

So, as any ham would have it, new equipment was purchased. But, with newer hams having limited experience, the question was raised as to how to install "towers," feedline and coaxial cable, antennas, rotors, grounding systems, etc. Thankfully, local veteran hams came to the rescue and pitched in.

Knowing that several newer hams needed assistance, a group of local ham radio operators gathered together and said "let's work together and maybe we can get everyone taken care of." Well, a date was set of January 22, 2006, to work on some ham projects for individuals. That date is when "4" individual projects were completed with the assistance of several hams. It wasn't long after that date when more projects were completed including the installation of a 110 foot tall Rohn 35 tower for Jim Pearson, KS8O.

January 22, 2006 marks the beginning of what is now referred to the Marinette and Menominee Ham Assistance Team (H.A.T.).

Here are a few pictures from the very first projects completed on a cold Sunday (January 22, 2006). Additionally, a CD is included in this booklet with lots of Ham Assistance Team pictures.

73,

Pete Johnson, AB9PJ  
(April 2010)



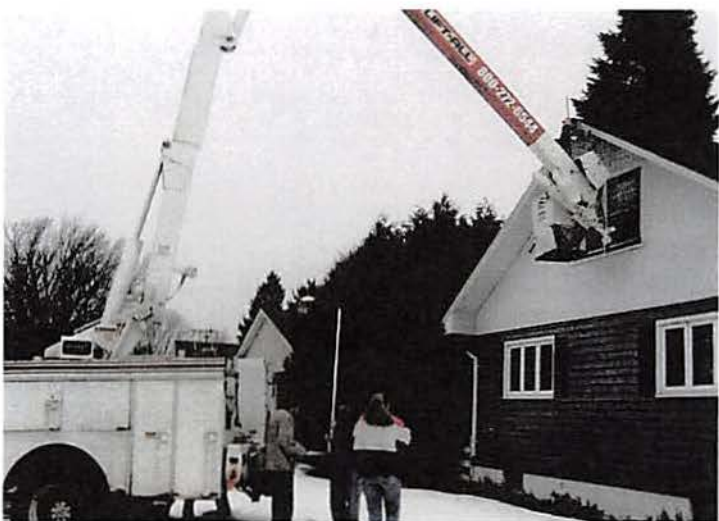




QTH of Pete Johnson, AB9PJ



QTH of Ed Engleman, KG8CX



QTH of Valeria Hallam, KC8WAI



Mobile of Tearlach "Charlie" Sinclair,  
W8SCO (Formerly KD8CHL)



THE HERALD-LEADER  
MENOMINEE, MICHIGAN  
Saturday, October 4, 1947

## RADIO HAMS FORM CLUB

Anyone interested in high frequency radio communications or experimentation is invited to attend a meeting of the M&M Radio Club in the American Legion building, Marinette Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 8 p.m.

Local interest in amateur radio has been growing and this club was recently organized to develop and promote that interest. The club will assist interested persons to acquire the knowledge and skill required to qualify for federal amateur radio licenses.

While club activities will be primarily devoted to amateur radio in general membership in the Club is open to any person interested in any phase of "short wave" or "high frequency" radio communication or experimentation.

The following officers have been elected to serve on a temporary basis to carry out organizational work: President Harry V. Frederick (Radio W9QGQ), Vice-President Harry E. White (Radio W9CNU), Secretary-Treasurer Frank W. Wedge (Radio W3KKE/9).

MARINETTE EAGLE-STAR  
Monday, January 10, 1949

## 'Hams' to Form Emergency Unit

### Frederick Named Local Co-ordinator

Harry V. Frederick of 2628 Parkridge avenue, amateur radio operator, has been chosen by the American Radio Relay league to set up an organization of local amateur radio operators who would be prepared to furnish emergency communication in time of disaster.

Frederick who will be known as emergency co-ordinator, operates station W9QGQ. As co-ordinator, he will call local meetings of amateurs to establish common operating procedures and arrange drill periods when the personal stations of the "hams" may be mobilized under simulated emergency conditions.

His duties also include liaison planning with the local chapter of the Red Cross and other relief agencies, as suggested in the working understanding of the ARRL emergency corps has with national headquarters of the Red Cross and other agencies. Liaison will be established also with local protective services, such as fire and police departments.

THE HERALD-LEADER

MENOMINEE, MICHIGAN

Tuesday, October 13, 1959

## Ham Operators Conduct Tests

Members of the Marinette and Menominee Amateur Radio Emergency Corps, under the leadership of Harry Frederick, W8QGQ, Emergency Coordinator of the American Radio Relay League, conducted a simulated emergency test during the weekend.

The M & M Amateur Radio Emergency Corps, (AREC) members participating in the test included: Mobile units — W8QGQ, Harry Frederick, Menominee; K8ICO, Thomas Zeratsky, Menominee; W8IOS, Howard Lauzer, Menominee; K8GNV, Rev. William Schick, Birch Creek.

Fixed stations — W8NZV, John Edquist, Menominee; K8BKA, Kurt Berge, Menominee; W9FWD, Kenneth Emmons, Marinette; K9PPI, Lloyd Rondeau, Marinette.

This simulated emergency test was one of hundreds of similar tests conducted all over the nation by local units of the Amateur Radio Emergency Corps during the weekend.

Messages were transmitted to National Red Cross in Washington and Civil Defense headquarters in Battle Creek.

MARINETTE EAGLE-STAR,

Thursday, October 13, 1949

MARINETTE, WISCONSIN

## Radio 'Hams' to Hold Area Tests

### Designed to Help If Disaster Strikes

Sunday members of the Marinette and Menominee Emergency corps, under the leadership of H. V. Frederick, emergency co-ordinator of the American Radio Relay league, will conduct a simulated test to perfect a community plan in the event of interruption of all communication facilities in the area.

The organization is a group of amateur radio operators who have volunteered to lend assistance in the event disaster strikes and the area would be isolated from the outside world.

A number of short range radio stations will be set up at strategic points around the twin cities to provide local communication and several high powered long range stations will supply contact with distant points. A feature of the test will be the mobile stations operating from automobiles of several participants. The mobile units will be tied into a nationwide network of amateur stations.

Those who plan to participate are Franklin W. Wedge, Dr. H. L. Jorgenson, Kenneth E. Emmons, A. L. Stewart, Edward J. Kehoe and Frederick, all of Marinette; Calvin Helsing of Oconto, William A. Gerber, Robert A. Landre, Howard W. Sorensen, all of Menominee.

Menominee Herald Leader  
Monday Oct 17, 1949

## RADIO "HAMS" CONDUCT TESTS

A group of Twin City amateur radio operators have been organized under direction of Harry V. Frederick of Marinette into an emergency corps to provide this area with communications in event of a disaster that would cut the Twin Cities off from outside communications.

The unit is known as the M. & M. Emergency Corps of the America Radio Relay League and yesterday conducted a simulated emergency test with a view of perfecting a community plan. A number of short-range radio stations were set up at strategic points in Menominee and Marinette for local communications and high-powered long-range stations supplied contact with distant points.

Menominee members of the AEC and their call numbers are:

W8CBH — William A. Gerber;  
W8HND—Robert A. Landre and  
W8ZPU—Howard E. Sorensen.

Marinette operators are:

W9BVU — Franklin W. Wedge, Jr.; W9EOQ—Harvey L. Jorgenson; W9FWD—Kenneth E. Emmons; W9GKW — A. L. Stewart; W9KPK — Edward J. Kehoe; W9QGQ—Harry V. Frederick, and

W9TRG—Calvin Heisinger, Oconto Wis.

## 'Hams' Engage In Field Event

Emergency communications and equipment were accentuated the past week end by the M & M Radio club members participating in national competition with 13,000 other "hams" throughout the United States and Canada. The event is known as Field Day and is sponsored annually by the American Radio Relay league.

The M & M Radio club camped with their gear at Camp Albrecht on the Menominee River, taking with them enough tents, tables, and portable gasoline-powered electric generators to assure putting a simulated communication center into operation.

The Field Day lasted 24 hours and began at 4 p. m., Saturday. Twelve members of the M & M Radio club worked in teams, exchanging "contacts," reports, and emergency type messages with club groups. Eighty contacts were made. The League event is in the form of a contest to see which amateur group can score the greater number of "contacts" with fellow amateurs around the nation.

The M & M Radio club president is Kenneth Emmons W9FWD who was in charge of arrangements. Harry Frederick W8QGQ supervised installation of antennas and equipment. Use of both

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THURSDAY, June 30, 1960 11

voice and code was used to contact stations in the United States.

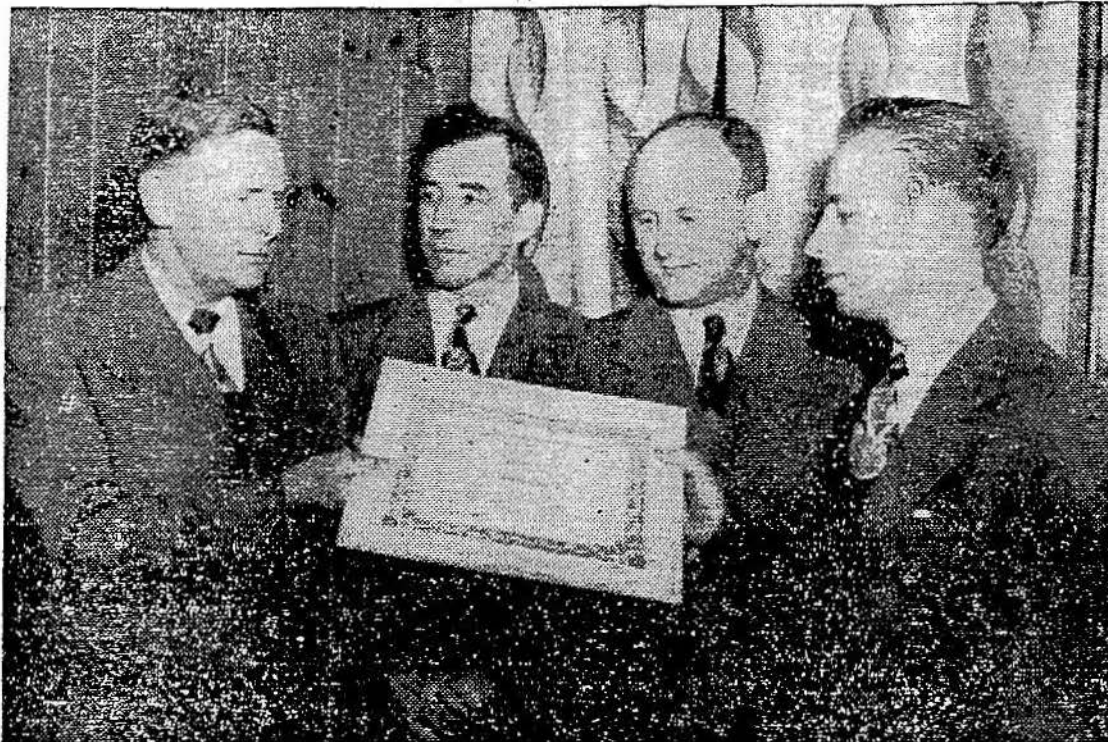
Vice President of the club is Robert Landre of Menominee and Douglas Wheelock of Marinette is secretary. Other members participating were Eugene Paulsen K8CQW, John Edquist W8NZV, Robert Harner W8GJJ, Howard Lozier K8IOS, Kurt Berge K8BKA, Wayne Kesting K9AYS, Howard Sorenson W8PIU, Greg Behrendt, and Peter Thielen.

*Just Arrived from the Archives*

Friday, January 6, 1950

MARINETTE, WISCONSIN

MARINETTE EAGLE-STAR, A



**Receives Charter**—Calvin Heisinger of Oconto (right), president of the M. and M. Radio club, receives the club's new charter from the American Radio Relay league. The presentation was made at the club's banquet at Silver Dome Thursday evening by F. R. Eggers of Manitowoc (left), assistant director of ARRL's central division. Looking on are two club officers, Ed Kehoe (second from left), vice president, and Kenneth Emmons, secretary. The club is composed of amateur radio operators of this vicinity.

W9FWD

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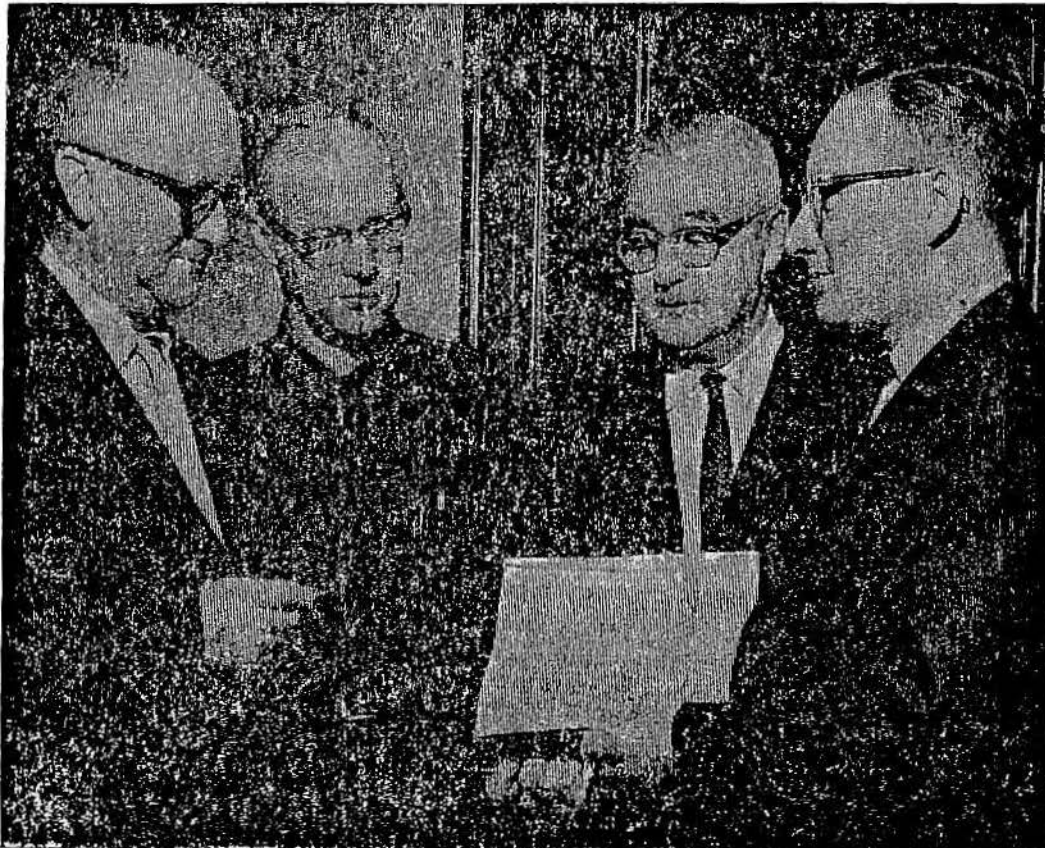
W9KPK

(Eagle-Starphoto)

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Wednesday, December 23, 1964

THE HERALD-LEADER, MENOMINEE, MICHIGAN



Postmaster August W. Delgoffe (right) presenting 5-cent commemorative postage stamps honoring amateur radio operators for work in the Alaskan earthquake. This is the 50th anniversary of the American Radio Relay

League. Accepting the stamps are Ken Emmons, W9FWD (left), Howard Sorensen, W8ZPU, and Harry Frederick, W8QGQ. (Herald-Leader photo)





